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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (a) The practice of naturopathy means the science, art and practice
4 of healing by natural methods as recognized by the Council of
5 Naturopathic Medical Education and that comprises diagnosis,
6 prevention and treatment of disease and health optimization by
7 stimulation and support of the body's natural healing processes, as
8 approved by the State Board of Naturopathic Examiners, with the
9 consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, and shall include (1)
10 counseling; (2) the practice of the [mechanical and material] physical
11 and therapeutic sciences of healing as follows: [The mechanical
12 sciences such as mechanotherapy] Corrective exercise therapy for
13 rehabilitation, articular manipulation, [corrective and orthopedic
14 gymnastics,] physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, electrotherapy and
15 phototherapy; and the [material] sciences such as nutrition, dietetics,
16 phytotherapy, treatment by natural substances and external

17 applications; (3) ordering diagnostic tests and other diagnostic
 18 procedures as such tests and procedures relate to the practice of
 19 [mechanical and material] physical and therapeutic sciences of healing
 20 as described in subdivision (2) of this subsection; (4) ordering medical
 21 devices and durable medical equipment; and (5) removing ear wax,
 22 spirometry, tuberculosis testing and venipuncture for blood testing.

23 (b) For purposes of subsection (a) of this section, "natural
 24 substances" means substances that are not narcotic substances, as
 25 defined in subdivision (30) of section 21a-240, do not require the
 26 written or oral prescription of a licensed practitioner to be dispensed
 27 and are only administered orally.

28 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2015*) On or before February 1, 2016, the
 29 Department of Public Health, in consultation with the State Board of
 30 Naturopathic Examiners, established pursuant to section 20-35 of the
 31 general statutes, shall submit a report, in accordance with the
 32 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
 33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 34 relating to public health concerning the scope of practice for
 35 naturopaths. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to,
 36 recommendations to (1) expand the scope of practice for naturopaths
 37 to include prescribing, dispensing and administering certain drugs,
 38 and (2) corresponding educational and examination requirements or
 39 other qualifications to allow for such expansion of the naturopaths'
 40 scope of practice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	20-34
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To make changes to the scope of practice for naturopaths and to require the Department of Public Health to report concerning prescriptive authority for naturopaths.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]